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Medical Officer of Health
AND
Sanitary Inspector
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31st, 1940



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Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report OF THE Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1940.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1940.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry, it has been curtailed considerably, but to ensure continuity, the essential statistics are presented as in previous Reports.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 14.5 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 12.7 for 1939. The Live Birth Rate was 13.0 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 11.3 for 1939. There were no Still-births. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 28 per 1000 live births.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Diseases has occurred.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres	-	-	-	665
Number of Persons per acre	-	-	-	4.1
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, middle of 1940)	-	-	-	2759
Number of inhabited houses (1940)	-	-	-	852
Average number of persons per house	-	-	-	3.24
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£19,241
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	-	-	£75

VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

		M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.
Live Births	Legitimate	Total 35	20 15	13.0
	Illegitimate		1 1 --	

Still-Births, Legitimate, Total Nil ; Rate per 1000

Total (live and still-births) - - - Nil

Birth Rate, England & Wales, 1940 - - - 14.6

Deaths - 40—Males, 19 ; Females, 21 ;

Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population - - - - 14.5

Adjusted Death Rate per 1000 - - - - 12.9

Death Rate, England & Wales, 1940 - - - 14.3

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes - - - Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - - - 1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1000 live births - - - 28

Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births - - - 28.6

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - - - Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

England & Wales - - - 55 per 1000

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - - - 6

Death Rate from Cancer per 1000 of the population - - - 2.2

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	Nil.

Ages at which deaths occurred (40).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	14	22

10 of these deaths occurred at ages from 70 to 80 years,
and 4 over 80 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1939		1940	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	1	1
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	1	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	-	-	-	-
Cancer	8	4	2	4
Diabetes	-	-	-	1
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	1	3	1	2
Heart Disease	4	4	4	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2	1	-
Bronchitis	1	-	1	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	3	1
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	2	1
Nephritis	-	-	1	-
Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-	-
Premature Birth	-	-	-	-
Congenital, Malformations and Birth Injuries	-	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents	-	-	1	-
Other Violent Causes	1	-	1	-
All other Causes	-	3	2	1
TOTALS		18	18	19
		36		40

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

As 1938

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

As 1938

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

ii (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist.

Bacteriological Examinations :

	Number of Specimens sent for Report	18	
		Total.	Positive.
Diphtheria (Swabs)	13	2	11
Sputum	5	1	4

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. As 1938.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. As 1938.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS. As 1938.

HOSPITALS.

PUBLIC. As 1938.

VOLUNTARY.

As 1938.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES. As 1938.

TUBERCULOSIS. As 1938.

(i) MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.

As 1938.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. As 1938.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

As 1938.

REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

As 1938.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As 1938.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As 1938.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. As 1938.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

(ii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

*The particulars will be found in the Report of the
Sanitary Inspector.*

(iii) Swimming Baths and Pools. As 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. One Junior School—recently transferred to the
County Council.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. As 1938.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1940.

1. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers - - - - - 6

2. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs - - - - - 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners - - - - - 1

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

(B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - - - - - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders - - - - - Nil.

(C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - - - - Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit - - - - - Nil.

4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :—*

- (a) (1) Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1940) - - - Nil.
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein - - - Nil.
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein - - - Nil.
- (b) Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year - - - Nil.
- (c) (1) Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year - - - Nil.
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases - - - Nil.
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding - - - Nil.

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

SECTION E.**INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

- (a) Milk Supply ;
- (b) Meat and other foods

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.
- (e) Nutrition : No action has been taken.
- (f) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
 (2) **NOTIFIABLE DISEASES** (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1940.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES.										Cases sent to Isolat'n Hos- pital.			Deaths	
		1 under 1 year	2 to 2 yrs.	3 to 3 yrs.	4 to 4 yrs.	5 to 5 yrs.	10 to 10 yrs.	15 to 15 yrs.	20 to 20 yrs.	35 to 35 yrs.	45 to 45 yrs.	over 65 yrs.				
Enteric Fever ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Scarlet Fever ...	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	
Whooping-cough	6	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Diphtheria ...	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Measles ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	
Pneumonia ...	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cerebro-spinal Fever	10	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals ...	38	-	-	2	4	2	3	12	4	4	3	2	2	-	8	3

The above includes persons from outside districts whilst patients in the Corbett Hospital, viz. :—Cerebro-spinal Fever, 9 ; Scarlet Fever, 1 ; Enteric Fever, 1 ; Pneumonia, 3.

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. As 1938.

(b) TUBERCULOSIS, 1940.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory		Respira- tory.		Non- Respira- tory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 ,,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25 ,,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55 ,,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 to 65 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Scholars against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic. 6 Scholars were "immunised."

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1941.

Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1940.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit an abbreviated report for the Year 1940 as follows:—

Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	836	854
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	13	

Houses provided with separate Water Closets	713
Houses provided with Water Closets in common	123

Scavenging and Household Refuse.

Removal of Household is carried out by Contract. 2 Statutory Notices under Sec. 75 P.H.A. 1936 were served.

Housing.

The number of Houses is 4 less than 1939. No Houses have been built either by Private Enterprise or the Local Authority nor are any in course of erection. Nos. 47, 47A, 48, 49, High Street, were demolished as a result of informal action.

Housing Conditions.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom	-	-	1	854
Houses with two Bedrooms	-	-	325	
Houses with three Bedrooms	-	-	441	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms			87	

The following Houses have been rendered fit for human habitation :—Nos. 59, 60, 61, 62, High Street ; 93, Collis Street ; 1, Dial Lane. No Statutory Action was necessary.

Overcrowding—No cases dealt with.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No action necessary.

Water Supply.

All premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District. The Engineer and Manager to the Board has samples of the Water taken at frequent intervals and supplies Copies of the Analyses.

Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

The following Amblecote suppliers are registered :—Producer Retailers, 2 ; Retail Purveyors, 2.

Milk—Special Designations Order 1 Licence issued to sell
“Accredited Milk.”

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

The One Slaughter-house ceased to be used in January, 1940.

The Ministry of Food arranged for Centralised Slaughter of Animals and Distribution of Meat.

Notices of Slaughter were given in respect of :—13 Beasts ; 32 Sheep ; 23 Swine ; all of which were examined.

4 Ox Livers and 1 Swine Offal which appeared to be unsound were surrendered and destroyed.

Precautions Against Infectious Diseases.

Houses (or Rooms) Disinfected - - - - - 9

Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—

Diphtheria	-	-	-	1	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	4	
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	1	
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	2	8

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

Sanitary Inspector.

June, 1941.

